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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

VOICE OF THE ARCTIC IÑUPIAT,

Plaintiff,

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00136-SLG

CONOCOPHILLIPS ALASKA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00142-SLG

NORTH SLOPE EXPLORATION, LLC, et
al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00143-SLG

STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

and

ALASKA OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION,

Intervenor-Plaintiff,

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00144-SLG

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH,

Plaintiff,

v.

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00145-SLG

JOINT STATUS REPORT

These cases challenge a Final Rule titled “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.” *See* 89 Fed. Reg. 38,712 (May 7, 2024) (the “NPR-A Rule”). While these cases were pending, Defendants issued notice of a proposed rule to rescind the NPR-A Rule. *See* 90 Fed. Reg. 23507 (June 3, 2025). Based on the unopposed joint motion by Plaintiffs, Intervenor-Plaintiff, and Defendants, further proceedings in all the cases have all been stayed in anticipation of completion of the rulemaking process. Defendants, Plaintiffs, and Intervenor-Plaintiff now provide this further status report. *See* Text Order, Dkt. 48 (Case No. 3:24-cv-00136-SLG).

On November 17, 2025, a Final Rule was published in the Federal Register titled

“Rescission of the Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Regulations, Issued May 7, 2024.” *See* 90 Fed. Reg. 51,470 (Nov. 17, 2025).

The Final Rule became effective on December 17, 2025. While the parties have initially conferred, those efforts have been limited as a result of various other litigation developments, including litigation that cites and relies upon portions of the now-rescinded NPR-A Rule that is the subject of these cases. The parties therefore require additional time to determine the effect of the Final Rule on this litigation.

In light of the foregoing, Defendants, Plaintiffs, and Intervenor-Plaintiff respectfully request that the Court extend the current stay of proceedings for an additional 60 days. The parties propose to file further pleadings as deemed necessary by any party, or a further joint status report, not later than February 20, 2026. Counsel have conferred, and the Intervenor-Defendants in the above captioned cases take no position on this request.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: December 22, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 22, 2025, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

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